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SUBJECT : PRO TENNIS TOUR/TENNIS EQUIPMENT

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1. FOR BOEHN CU/IAP FROM GRESHAM. BANGLADESH LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION IS SPONSORING VISIT OF REF TENNIS PROS AND HAS QUERIED EMBASSY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF U.S. DONATED SPORTS EQUIPMENT, COORDINATED, IF POSSIBLE, WITH UPCOMING TEAM VISIT.

2. MISSION RECOGNIZES THAT DEPARTMENT RARELY BECOMES INVOLVED IN SPORTS EQUIPMENT DONATION PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF GENERAL LACK OF DONORS. THIS COUNTRY, HOWEVER, HAS TOTAL LACK OF SUPPLIES FOR BROAD RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, AND WHILE TENNIS EQUIPMENT MAY BE LOW ON PRIORITY LIST OF SURVIVAL ITEMS, SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HEALTHY YOUTHS ARE ESSENTIAL. LOCAL CLUBS HAVE PITIFUL SUPPLY OF NECESSARY MATERIALS, AND PROMISING YOUTHS RARELY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP SKILLS THROUGH LACK OF EQUIPMENT.

3. COULD CU QUERY SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS OR COMPANIES FOR TENNIS EQUIPMENT DONATIONS TO BANGLADESH. TENNIS BALLS AND NEW OR USED RACKETS AND NETS WOULD BE WARMLY RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED. IF MATERIALS AVAILABLE, THEY SHOULD BE AIRSHIPPED.

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